

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Adams, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2143

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Examiner: Belani, K.

For: METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR AUTOMATED LAYOUT DIRECTOR

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claim 14 is amended to incorporate the content of dependent claim 2. Claim 15 is amended to specify a “storage medium”, thereby precluding any possibility of the Examiner’s interpretation that the claim is directed to “energy.” No new matter is introduced and no new issues are raised by these claim amendments.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

DO NOT ENTER: /K.G.B./

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